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//Op Troika and its Updates//
1. (C) SUMMARY. This cable, which should be read in conjunction with Septel analysis, details updates over the past year in Spain's two major
2. (U) Phase I of Op Troika, which was executed in June 2008 resulted in the arrest of 20 top leaders of Russia's Tambov-Malyshev crime family
3. (U) Following the Troika arrests in June 2008, details began to appear in the press on the group's alleged activities and how the investiga
4. (U) As reported in Ref A, conservative daily ABC in July 2008 reported that the GOS security services tapped "thousands" of conversations i
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partners that their illicit deals would proceed as planned. The press suggests this "sensitive" evidence could impact bilateral relations and a
5. (U) In October 2008, GOS authorities raided the Mallorca vacation mansion of Vladislav Reznik, chair of the Duma's financial markets commit
6. (U)XXXXXXXXXX El Pais on June 7, 2009 (Ref C) claimed that, as a result of Troika, the GOS has compiled a "secret list" of Russian prosecu
7. (U) Multiple press reports allege that Moscow was left out of the loop on the Troika investigation - whose Phase II raid resulted in the de
//Op Avispa and its Updates//
8. (U) Op Avispa ("Wasp" in English) - the predecessor to Troika which was directed by Garzon's colleague, Judge Fernando Andreu - targeted th
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Spanish real estate market. The op had mixed results: Phase I, executed in 2005, arrested 28 suspects, 22 of which were alleged "Vor z Konen" (
9. (U) The Spanish media often describes Kalashov as the "most valuable and well-protected prisoner in a Spanish jail" and the "highest level
10. (U) Investigating Judge Andreu in October 2008 formally charged 15 of the 37 people arrested in the first two phases of Avispa for money l
11. (U) Against the backdrop of Lukoil's reported interest in acquiring a roughly 30 percent stake in Repsol (See Refs G and H), the Spanish p
12. (U) Kalashov shuffled his attorneys in December 2008. Days later, one of his new lawyers, Alfonso Diaz Monux, was shot dead in his Madrid
13. (U) In March 2009, the press reported that Spanish prosecutors had secured the cooperation of a protected witness against Kalashov who mac
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although they acknowledged that police officers met their father at their home in his dying days.
//GOS Seeks Arrest, Extradition of Additional "Russian" OC Figures//
14. (SBU) Spanish press reports suggest that Madrid has expressed interest in the extradition of Taniel Oniani, whom Russian authorities arres
15. (C) Madrid in recent months also has sought the arrest of Michael Cherney, a Russian-born, Israeli citizen for whom Spain's National Court